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DES Names Gerald Richard Deputy Assistant Director for the Division of Child Support Services *Career Dedicated to Public Service*

PHOENIX – Director Timothy Jeffries announced today Mr. Gerald Richard has been named the new Deputy Assistant Director for the Division of Child Support Services (DCSS).

“We are extremely honored to have Mr. Richard join our DES family,” said Director Timothy Jeffries. “His extensive knowledge and experience in public service will be a tremendous asset to the noble work of our colleagues.”

“I could not be more excited about Mr. Richard joining the DCSS team,” said Scott Lekan, Assistant Director for the Division of Child Support Services. “Gerald's leadership experience and his commitment to the community ensures that service to our clients will be exceptional and the personal growth of our employees will be enhanced.”

“I am excited about being a part of the DES team and promoting ‘*People First, People Always,*’” said Mr. Richard. “DCSS is a great place to focus on assisting parents in placing the interests of their children first. I look forward to accomplishing our tasks on a daily basis.”

Mr. Richard is a member of the Department of Justice, Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) Collaborative Reform Initiative Team focusing on the Salinas, California Police Department. He recently served on the IIR After-Action Assessment Team for Ferguson, Missouri.

He retired from the City of Phoenix Police Department, where he served as the assistant to the Chief of Police. He was responsible for overseeing the Phoenix Police Training Academy and the Employment Services Bureau as well as department leadership development and training. He was also responsible for implementing recommendations submitted by the Community Engagement and Outreach Task Force and community advisory boards, overall police and community relations, and legislative issues.

His additional previous experience includes serving as a Special Policy Advisor for Law Enforcement at the Arizona Attorney General’s Office.

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